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REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2004, for which a three-month extension of time to respond is hereby requested, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.